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## CORE has base personnel packin'

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK  
THE BOMBARDIER

The operations tempo is running in high gear at Barksdale and doesn't look to be slowing down any time soon as the base readies itself for the upcoming Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise.

The upcoming CORE is different from the one Barksdale had in April. The members participating in this exercise will demonstrate the bases ability to process personnel and equipment to deploy to a forward operating location. The base was evaluated during the last CORE in four major areas: initial response, employment, mission support, and the ability to survive and operate in a hostile environment.

"This CORE will be a phase one, we'll test the base's preparations to deploy and how we prepare to deploy from Barksdale," said Lt. Col. Glenn Carlson, 2d Bomb Wing Plans and Programs. "The last CORE focused on phase two."

The exercise was not something put together in the last few weeks. Formal planning has been ongoing since early August.

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Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Master Sgt. Brien Kautzer, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron unit deployment manager, talks with Airman Kindra Hunt, 2d AMXS command support staff customer service technician, about the information in her personal readiness file.

## Barksdale's Combined Federal Campaign update

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Barksdale's 2004-2005 Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Sept. 13 and is scheduled to run through Oct. 22. As of Sept. 24, Barksdale has raised \$40,025 in support of the CFC.

The CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. The annual fall fund-raising drive allows more than four million federal employees to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations

which are supported by the CFC.

So far, units are doing very well in the campaign.

"The 2d Bomb Wing is doing pretty good. Contacts are really good, and they are at about 80 or 90 percent," said Capt. Keisha Jones-Joseph, 2d BW staff point of contact for the CFC.

Last year, federal workers donated \$250 million during the campaign, with more than \$157,000 of that amount coming from Barksdale, said Maj. Barry Hill, CFC project officer.

"Our goal this year is to raise \$165,000," Major Hill said. "It's impor-

tant to show support for our community. Donating is a way for us to help in a different way and give back to our community."

Captain Jones-Joseph agrees with Maj. Hill that the CFC is important.

"It's a worthwhile program," she said. "It provides the opportunity to donate to your cause, whatever that may be, once a year."

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone, according to officials.

"The CFC is really valuable to em-

ployees and beneficiaries," Captain Jones-Joseph said. "We all benefit from it in some way, even if it's as simple as the Family Support Center."

Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

Visit the Combined Federal Campaign Web site at [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc) or contact a squadron representative for more information. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

## Welcome C2 Warfighter conference attendees





# 2d BW has great week

## Remember Vector during exercises

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER  
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

This has been a great week for the Mighty Deuce!

We started with a well-deserved day off ... we earned a down day because we met our monthly flying goals. Safety Day on Tuesday allowed us to reflect on how we can improve the base and ourselves by using risk management to lower the potential for accidents. We reviewed our top five safety concerns from last May's Safety Day and showed progress toward fixing those challenges while adding five more.

My promise to you is that we will relentlessly work to tackle the tough safety challenges around the base to ensure we have a safer, more secure working and living environment. What I need from each of you is a commitment to use good personal and operational risk management ... remember we can't eliminate buffoonery, but we can mitigate risk to ourselves and each other by sticking to the basics and making safe, smart decisions.

Next, Wednesday through Friday we focused on our Training Emphasis Week. TEW is designed specifically to support the "O" in our vector — by offering opportunities for professional wellness and growth. At least twice a year I ask every supervisor in the wing to focus exclusively for 24 hours on building quality, in-depth individual and unit training plans for the warriors who work for them. Additionally, the Individual Readiness Day is designed specifically for supervisors and supervisees to meet, mentor, assess, train and plan for the way ahead. I was impressed with the superb attitudes and the quality training we accomplished. I know we met our objectives to establish a baseline of professional competence by reemphasizing the importance of job knowl-



edge, compliance, discipline and accountability. We strengthened our supervisor-member relationship and provided lessons learned to wing leadership to improve our training and combat readiness.

Our TWO vector was the common theme throughout the week — it is part of our culture. For our new Deuce warriors, we rely on the vector to keep our mission effectiveness sky high, to build an unbreakable team and to gain the individual depth and breadth of experience we need to get better, stronger and more capable. But it must be a part of our daily lives — not just a saying. Total focus on mission excellence requires that we pay attention to the task at hand. It also means that we stick to the basics when we are flying, fixing or supporting bomber operations — both at home and at deployed locations. The vector requires us to stick together and use teamwork to do the right thing — first time, every time. Additionally, it demands that we never walk by a problem ... being a leader means tackling challenges and problems head on.

I am concerned that during the busy months ahead we will be tempted to take risks we normally would not accept to "get the job done." Everyone knows how I feel about the idea that, "This is an exercise so I don't need my checklist," or "I know the tech order by heart, and besides we don't do it that way here." These practices are unacceptable and we must avoid this trap. It takes a powerful team to work together to hold each other accountable to enforce compliance and tech order discipline 24 hours a day, seven days a week ... that trust and teamwork forms the "W" in our vector.

So make the vector part of your daily cross check. Job #1: Take care of the mission. Job #2: Take care of each other. Job #3: Take care of yourself and your loved ones. It sounds easy ... but it takes the world's finest Airmen to make it a reality and keep us "SECOND TO NONE!"

### Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

| Depicted in hours | 11th Bomb Squadron | 2d Bomb Squadron | 3d Bomb Squadron |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Goal:             | 253.7              | 128.5            | 170.6            |
| Flown:            | 292.0              | 169.8            | 175.7            |
| Remaining:        | 0                  | 0                | 0                |
| As of:            |                    |                  |                  |
| Sept. 24          | +38.3              | +1.3             | -0.9             |

## Vision

The 2d Bomb Wing is first ... in peace ... in war ... to victory!

## Mission

Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders. Anytime, anywhere.

## Vector

Total focus on mission excellence

Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork

Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

### Action Line 456-4000

[actionline@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:actionline@barksdale.af.mil)

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller  
2d Bomb Wing commander

#### Key Customer Service Numbers

|                                   |          |                                     |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
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# More than clothing: Our uniform represents entire Air Force

BY MASTER SGT. ERNIE ALLEN

372D TRAINING SQUADRON DETACHMENT 5 CHIEF

I often wonder if any Air Force members are as proud as I am of the uniform I wear and the country I defend.

I think back to the mid '80s when our B-52s were on alert as a deterrent to an unspeakable threat of war. The imminent threat of that danger passed in the '90s and walls fell — due to the attitude, hard work and dedication of the men and women who did the job needed to protect our great nation.

Times rapidly changed after that and so did the mission of the mighty B-52. We were soon flying low-level missions just like fighter aircraft and involved in conventional operations like Desert Storm, Allied Force, Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. We have been successful in our mission to defeat adversaries of democracy and peace. I believe the reason for our success in these campaigns is the pride in service and core values instilled in us every day.

Our successes are portrayed on television and in newspapers all around the world, and the people of our nation look upon us very proudly — more so in the local community. I get goose bumps when a total stranger approaches me while I'm out and about in Shreveport and Bossier City — telling me how proud

they are of what "WE" are doing.

I've even seen Airmen get their lunch paid for by these same people in an act of gratitude at local eating establishments. Even when we're not in uniform, we stand out from our civilian counterparts. Our hair is a little shorter than most, we walk with a distinct stride and our demeanor is professional.

I have encountered a few of the mighty warriors of Barksdale who needed some reminding of the importance of the image we portray to our community: the technical sergeant who entered an eating establishment without his BDU shirt and hat and then sat down to eat; or the senior airman pumping gas at the local gas station without a hat. I am sure we have all seen instances such as this while out in the local community.

The question is, "what did we do about it?"

In one instance when I corrected an Airman in violation of an Air Force Instruction, another NCO I was with told me I was "too hard core" — saying it wasn't like we were on base or anything. After correcting the Airman, I proceeded to remind the NCO that we are held to the standards we live by 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on or off base. I also clued him in on the fact that this is one of the ways we look out for our own.

We need to be constantly vigilant of looking out for

one another. Some commands call this the wingman program. It is as simple as telling one of our own to "straighten up and fly right." I have read many instances where individuals were out having a few drinks with other Air Force members and decided they could drive home or back on base — resulting in a driving under the influence offense. I believe the fellow Airmen who didn't look out for these individuals by not allowing them to drive or cutting them off played a part in the nature of the crime.

We should always look out for each other.

The standards by which we are held and live by should be on our minds constantly. Core values guide us to do the right thing every time, even when no one is watching. By doing the things we know we should do and living by the standards to which we are held, we shine in our community, command and country. The image we portray is a direct reflection of the safety, pride and freedom the American people enjoy every day.

The next time you happen to be out and about in the local area, keep an eye out for your fellow Airmen and take notice of how the community views you.

Remember all those who wore the uniform before us. Glow with pride when someone thanks you for your service. We are B-52 warriors, in the Vector, and a part of the greatest Air Force in the world.





# Fire Prevention Week begins Sunday

STAFF REPORTS

The Barksdale fire department joins the National Fire Protection Association and other safety advocates this fall to remind children and adults about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week, Sunday through Oct. 9. This year's theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms," highlights the importance of all families installing and maintaining smoke alarms in their homes.

Even though smoke alarms are now widely popular, it is still true that roughly 70 percent of fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms are designed to cut the chances of dying nearly in half if a home fire occurs. They should be installed on every level of a home, including the basement, and outside each separate sleeping area. They should be tested once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions. Batteries need to be replaced once a year or as soon as the alarm "chirps," indicating that the battery is low. Replace all smoke alarms after ten years, even those that are hard-wired or smoke alarms with "long-life" batteries. Smoke alarms with "long-life" batteries should also be replaced when the alarm "chirps" or fails to respond to periodic testing. The batteries in these units cannot be replaced.

A fire can spread through the home rapidly. In fact, inhabitants may have as little as two minutes to escape safely from a house once the smoke alarm sounds. In addition to maintaining smoke alarms, it's vital that families develop a basic home fire escape plan so they know what to do when a smoke alarm sounds. Everyone in the household should put together a plan. A copy of a home fire escape grid is available at the Fire Prevention Week Web site, [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org). People should walk through their homes and identify two ways out of every room and choose an outside meeting place a safe distance from the house where everyone can meet. Practice an escape plan twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. The campaign's purpose is to raise public awareness about the dangers of fire, how

to prevent it and how to be protected from it.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Legend has it that the fire broke out after a cow, owned by Mrs. Catherine O'Leary, kicked over a lamp, setting the barn, then the whole city on fire. Historians tell us that the great fire almost certainly started near the barn, but there is no proof that a cow sparked the blaze. When the fire was extinguished, more than 250 people were dead, 100,000 were homeless, more than 2,000 acres had been burned and more than 17,400 structures had been destroyed.

President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation in 1920. In 1922, NFPA voted to observe Fire Prevention Week the Sunday through Saturday period that includes October 9.

In 2002, home fires took almost 2,700 lives in the United States and injured approximately 14,000. Direct property damage amounted to almost \$6 billion dollars.

It is important for Barksdale families to participate in the fire safety and prevention effort. Residents should test smoke alarms and practice a home fire escape plan. Advanced planning could mean the difference between a safe escape and tragedy.

To schedule a tour of the fire station please contact the Fire Prevention Office at 456-2573. To learn more about Fire Prevention Week, visit NFPA at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

(Courtesy of NFPA)

**It's Fire Prevention Week**

**Test Your Smoke Alarms**

**OCTOBER 3-9 2004**

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## Key smoke alarm maintenance tips:

- Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area
- Mount smoke alarms on ceilings or high on walls
- Test smoke alarms once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions
- Replace batteries once a year or as soon as the device "chirps," indicating that the battery is low
- Replace all smoke alarms after ten years, even those that are hard-wired or smoke alarms with "long-life" batteries
- Long-life units need to be replaced when the alarm "chirps;" the batteries in these units cannot be replaced
- Alarms that are hard-wired to the home's electrical system should be installed by a qualified electrician

## Exercise keeps ops tempo high for Barksdale Airmen

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"We've had weekly meetings with group representatives and unit deployment representative meetings," Colonel Carlson said. "The Logistics Readiness Squadron had pallet building and cargo packing training. The unit deployment managers and the 2d Medical Group have been looking at records also."

Mr. Anthony Van, 2d LRS, said his

shop has been doing a lot to prepare for the upcoming exercise.

"We've been preparing a deployment schedule of events and preparing packs and cargo for processing," he said. "The main thing we've focused on though is getting people trained."

Mr. Van's shop plans one of the biggest aspects of the exercise, the loading of cargo. His main concern is the standard training factor.

"We don't know what type of aircraft we will be simulating, but the norm is a C-17. Depending on what type of aircraft come in, we must have some sort of plan ready," Mr. Van explained.

Mr. Van said with all the base members returning from deployment, it changes how some people participate.

"We've also had to figure out which people will process through the line or just bring in their records," he added.

"After people process through Hoban Hall, we bus them out to the 'shadow,' the area designated to simulate the belly of a plane."

Colonel Carlson also explained how other parts of the base will be included.

"The Mission Support Group, the maintainers and members of the Operations Group will also do their part having planes and crews ready to go," Colonel Carlson said.





# PRP program changes announced

2D MEDICAL GROUP AND 2D BOMB WING SAFETY OFFICE

Recent changes to the personnel reliability program will directly affect approximately 2,000 active duty members at Barksdale. Perhaps the biggest change is a significant easing of restrictions on the consumption of Federal Drug Administration approved over the counter medications and commercially available herbal and nutritional supplements. Non-flying members on PRP no longer need explicit approval by a competent medical authority to use these substances, provided they follow a few simple rules. This change is the direct result of an Air Force-wide Tiger Team

tasked to update the PRP program and eliminate unnecessary administrative burdens. The team made no changes to the current restrictions on the use of OTC medications for flying members, whether they are on PRP or not.

The new interim change to AFI 36-2104 provides the guidelines for OTC medication and supplement use by non-flying PRP members. These substances must not be taken for the first time within 12 hours of PRP duties. If they are, competent medical authority approval is still required. All medications and supplements must be taken for the intended use and as directed, and individuals taking them must be careful to read the instructions on the packaging carefully.

Finally, non-flyer PRP members are required to notify their commander and a CMA if they have an adverse reaction to any OTC drug or supplement.

Common sense and sound personal risk management are essential when using any OTC medication or supplement, no matter what job you have. Some drugs cause drowsiness or should not be mixed with other substances. Alcohol in particular increases the sedative effects of many OTC drugs. The instructions included with the medication or supplement will include a list of active ingredients and any possible side effects. Individuals should use this information to determine if they need to restrict themselves or their activities. If in

doubt, a CMA at the 2d Medical Group is always available to answer any questions.

According to Lt. Col. Patricia Smith, lead CMA for the Medical Group and part of the Tiger Team, "If we can trust someone to have access to priority one assets, then we should be able to trust them in the local drug store. These changes will reduce our workload over at the Medical Group and allow us to focus on more critical issues facing our PRP members." She went on to say, "failure of PRP members to exercise sound judgment in all situations, not just taking OTC substances, severely jeopardizes the safety of the whole program."

## Airmen need to heed Hatch Act

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — As the election season swings into high gear, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed in violation of the Hatch Act.

The complaints address the use of "politically partisan electronic-mail messages while on duty," OSC officials said.

The Hatch Act regulates DOD employees' and servicemembers' participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other.

"The use of Internet and electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone and has become a favorite and effective campaign tool, even more so perhaps than four years ago," said Scott Bloch, OSC head. "I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act, because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafleting and thus a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace."

Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Participation in politics is not completely forbidden; however, active-duty military and executive-branch employees need to be aware of the rights and restrictions that the Hatch Act imposes on such activity. What is allowed and disallowed can be a bit confusing.

Servicemembers are under the most restrictions. They may attend political meetings or rallies, but only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not allowed to give political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in political campaigns or conventions.

They are also not generally allowed to campaign for political office.

In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal executive-branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform, officials said. *(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)*



Senior Airman Kevin Camara/2d CS

**Smoothing it out:** Airman 1st Class Paul Suddeth, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron allied trades, wet sands a tailgate from a pickup truck to prepare it for paint.





# Retirees may get medicare-surcharge refund

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A collaborative effort between the Department of Defense, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Social Security Administration could prove beneficial to certain Medicare-eligible uniformed services beneficiaries.

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 provides a chance for Medicare-eligible uniformed services beneficiaries to enroll in Medicare Part B without having to pay higher premiums due to late enrollment. Beneficiaries who enrolled in Part B in 2001 through 2004 will get a refund of surcharges they have paid in 2004.

By law, uniformed services beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A, by reason of disability, end-stage renal disease or age, must also enroll in Medicare Part B in order to maintain their Tricare eligibility. Tricare, the military health benefit program, is secondary payer following Medicare for beneficiaries entitled to Medicare Parts A and B.

Mr. Ed Merritt, a beneficiary counselor and assistance coordinator with the 2d Medical Group, stresses the importance of enrolling in Medicare Part B.

"Let's all take an active roll to assure our Medicare-el-

igible members and their families are either enrolled in Part B or have been given the information to make an educated decision regarding their insurance needs," he said.

The Part B premium is \$66.60 per month for 2004. The Part B premium will increase to \$78.20 per month for 2005. Beneficiaries are encouraged to take advantage of this limited, one-time opportunity. If beneficiaries decline enrollment in Part B, they will have to pay a premium surcharge of 10 percent for each 12-month period in which they were eligible to enroll but didn't.

"This is an important announcement for uniformed services retirees who are entitled to Medicare Part A and don't have Part B," said Dr. Mark McClellan, CMS administrator, "and, (for) those who enrolled in Medicare Part B between Jan. 1, 2001, through 2004."

Nearly 35,000 retirees have been identified as eligible for the special enrollment in Medicare Part B. SSA is mailing notification to eligible beneficiaries to inform them that they have been enrolled in Medicare Part B effective Sept. 1.

However, Mr. Merritt cautions people to keep in mind those who may not have a current address with DEERS.

"Especially keep in mind those that may be in a nursing home or elsewhere that may not have a current ad-

dress on file with DEERS and may not receive their letter," Mr. Merritt said. "The letters to those Medicare eligibles 65 and older and do not have Part B, as well as those who may have taken Part B later who pay a penalty, have been identified are being sent letters concerning the new law."

Those who are eligible for a refund will get a letter and a separate refund check. McClellan and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr. estimated that a total of 60,000 beneficiaries would be affected by the changes. This legislation does not provide relief for all categories of beneficiaries. "The new Medicare law protects thousands of military retirees from having to make higher payments to enroll in Medicare Part B," said McClellan. "This will allow eligible military retirees to use their Tricare benefits as a Medicare supplement."

"We welcome these new provisions and the assistance they provide for many of our military beneficiaries to retain their Tricare benefits as a supplement to Medicare coverage," Winkenwerder stated.

Call Mr. Ed Merritt or a member of the Tricare staff at 456-6567 for more information. *(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)*

## News briefs

### Promotion ceremony

Barksdale's monthly promotion ceremony is scheduled today at 3 p.m. at Hoban Hall. Practice is at 1 p.m. for promotees and all members participating in the ceremony. Uniform is Service Dress for promotees and participants. Call Master Sgt. Mara Trimble at 456-3569 or Senior Master Sgt. Butler at 456-2030 for more information.

### Retirements

#### Master Sgt. Andamo Sherman

Master Sgt. Andamo Sherman, 2d Mission Support Squadron, retires after 21 years of dedicated service during a ceremony at the officer's club ballroom today at 10:30 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. James Auzenne at 456-2144 for more information.

#### Master Sgt. Mark Caldwell

Master Sgt. Mark Caldwell, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, retires after 22 years of dedicated service during a ceremony at the 49th TES today at 2 p.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. Danny Skinner at 456-8395 for more information.

#### Master Sgt. Mark Gibson

Master Sgt. Mark Gibson, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service in a ceremony today at 10 a.m. at Chapel One. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Tech. Sgt. Kevin Johnson at 456-8991 for more information.

#### Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Sanchez

Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Sanchez, 2d Security Forces Squadron, retires after 30 years of dedicated service in a ceremony at the enlisted club ballroom Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Chief Master Sgt. Vincent Adams at 456-4181

or Miss Ruth Baugh at 456-3764 for more information.

### Closures

The Military Clothing Sales Store closes Oct. 9 through 11 in observance of Columbus Day.

### Career opportunities

Air Force Junior ROTC has immediate employment opportunities as instructors for retired Air Force active-duty members or members retiring within the next six months. Officer and NCO instructors are needed in Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky and Georgia. For a complete list of vacancy locations and instructions on completing an instructor application, visit [www.foats.af.mil](http://www.foats.af.mil) or call AFJROTC Instructor Management at DSN: 493-5375 or 493-5300 or toll free at 1-866-235-7682 ext. 5275 or 5300.

### AFSA

The Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 615, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the enlisted club main lounge. The next general membership meeting is scheduled Oct. 6. All enlisted members from airman basic through chief master sergeant, including active duty, reserve and retired are invited to attend.

### ALS Award winners

The following senior airmen are Airman Leadership School award winners for class 04-G, which graduated Sept. 23. Levitow and leadership award — Andrea Knudson, 2d Bomb Wing; distinguished graduates — Casandra Dawson, 2d Medical Operations Squadron, Shannon Booker, 2d Munitions Squadron, William McDonald, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and Michelle Miller, 2d AMXS; and academic award — William McDonald, 2d AMXS.

### Tobacco cessation

A tobacco cessation class is offered through the Health and Wellness Center beginning Oct. 19. Call the HAWC at 456-6011 to sign up or for more information.

### Banquet

A Golden Celebration of Medical Service Banquet is scheduled Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn downtown. Tickets are \$35. Call Mr. Dock Voorhies at 424-6040 or Mr. Vin Joseph at 424-6164 for more information.

### Helmet and seatbelt violations

Effective immediately, the Office of Motor Vehicles will begin including convictions for no seatbelt and no motorcycle helmet on the driver's history. These violations will also be reflected on the person's Official Driving Record. Call Miss Ashley Spiers or Miss Maurie Alford at 225-925-3895 for more information.

### Patriotic Sunday

Several Public Servants in this area are invited to attend this year's "Patriotic Sunday," Oct. 17 at Haughton Baptist Temple in honor of their public service in this area. The special guest is Veteran Sgt. Woody Williams, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient who is one of the most highly decorated heroes of World War II. There will be one special service held at 10:30 a.m. The honor guard will present the colors to open the ceremony and a special dinner is scheduled following the service for all military members, public servants and their families.

### Assignment opportunities

Air Education and Training Command moved the AFROTC 2005 candidate board from September to November. The new date for submitting packages to

AETC is Oct. 31.

Additional information is available at <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/aflmo-chm>.

### Tutoring program

The Barksdale Tutorial Education by Airmen for Children tutoring program is looking for volunteers to participate in the program for the 2004-2005 school year at Sun City, Bellaire, Kerr Elementary and Rusheon Middle Schools. The program is open to anyone interested, military or civilian. Individuals only are be required to commit to one and a half hours per week for the school year. Spanish speaking tutors are also greatly needed for Rusheon Middle School. Call or e-mail Tech. Sgt. Helen Phares at 456-4497 or 752-0335, Staff Sgt. Lucas Berreckman at 456-8625 or Senior Airman Marilyn Strobbe at 456-4412 for information.

### Mandatory myPay

Effective today, SECAF/CSAF mandated myPay for all military members. Military members will receive their last hardcopy pay statements in the mail for today's payday. Members can access myPay and receive PINs at <https://my-pay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Call Master Sgt. Marlin Fjordbak at 456-3598 for more information.

### Volunteers

Barksdale volunteers are needed to help the Bossier City Animal Shelter find homes for unwanted animals at Critter Co. on Benton Rd. in Bossier City, Saturday, and at PetCo Oct. 9. Volunteers will take shelter animals to PetCo on Youree Dr., Shreveport, for an outreach pet adoption. Volunteers can help out all day, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or in two hour shifts. Call 2d Lt. Carisa Proctor-Schwartz at 456-3953 or 218-8297 to sign up or for more information.





# Twelve Base Airmen receive Articles 15; four get discharged

Twelve Barksdale members received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice from Sept. 16 through Sept. 22.

An airman first class failed to show up for work on time. Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

A senior airman was apprehended off-base while driving under the influence of alcohol. Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$747 a month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman misused his government travel card and was arrested for shoplift-

ing at the Base Exchange. Punishment: Reduction to airman basic.

An airman possessed alcohol in the dormitory while under the legal drinking age and made a false statement to security forces about not having his military identification card. Punishment: Reduction to airman basic and 30 days correctional custody.

An airman first class altered his military identification card and made a false statement to his commander. Punishment: Reduction to airman, suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$250 a month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

A senior airman made a false statement to his first sergeant. Punishment: Reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class possessed an altered military identification card. Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 a month for two months and 15 days extra duty.

An airman first class altered his military identification card. Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 a month for two months and 15 days extra duty.

An airman was drinking alcohol in the dormitory while under the legal drinking

age. Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman basic and 30 days correctional custody.

An airman reported to work while under the influence of alcohol. Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$300 a month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman visited several unauthorized websites on his government computer. Punishment: Reduction to airman basic.

There were four discharges for misconduct under the Rapid Airman Discharge program during the above time frame.

## HAP House lends helping hand to community members

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

Barksdale houses a very unique program on base with the Handicraft and Production House. The HAP House is a work activity center for severely disabled adults developing vocational, socialization and life enrichment skills.

“The program is unique in that it’s the only private, non-profit agency that’s located on a military base with no policy-making guidelines from the military community,” said Ms. Pamela Loftin, executive director for the HAP House. “We are one of a kind, worldwide and include all branches of the armed services.”

The HAP House was organized in 1973 to meet the

needs of the severely physically disabled, mentally challenged, emotionally disturbed, blind or deaf individuals aged 22 to 75 years old that could not fit into other organized programs in the community.

The house, which is located on the east reservation at 244 Turner Ave., was invited to become part of Barksdale in 1976 when many officers and Airmen worked together on a combined effort spearheaded by General David Jones.

Contributions from the United Way of Northwest Louisiana, the Combined Federal Campaign and fees from other agencies and private donations from individuals and clubs support HAP House.

“The Barksdale community continues to support us in many ways both with time, money and gifts,” Ms.

Loftin said. “We receive donations from the Knights of Columbus, Barksdale Officers Spouses Club and the Staff Sergeants Association. The Catholic Parish and the Protestants also do love offerings for us.

“Many groups come out to play bingo or do other types of events,” she added.

Unfortunately some agencies withdrew their participation in the HAP House due to state budget cuts which put many hardships on Barksdale’s HAP House.

“We now have 51 people attending and a waiting list for 15 others,” Ms. Loftin said.

Individuals interested in volunteering at the HAP House should call 747-1919 or 746-7470 for more information.



Airman 1st Class Trina Flannagan/2d CS

**Freeze:** Airman 1st Class Matthew Sparks, 2d Security Forces Squadron, frisks Airman 1st Class Michael Washington, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, as part of security checks at the Entry Control Point of the Weapons Storage Area.





Above: Deployed to a Pacific paradise. This the the view pilots see as they return from a sortie at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Below: Airman 1st Class Acquarius Omambac, 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, a native of Guam, is deployed back to his homeland from Barksdale as a member of the load crew loading a M117.



Above: Reporting on deck - The B-52 Stratofortress, along with the B-1B Lancer and the RQ-4A Global Hawk, sits on the flightline at Andersen during the Pacific Air Chiefs Conference, where members of Barksdale's B-52 community explained bomber capabilities to representatives from air forces in the Pacific. Right: A B-52 shows off the muscle of the Mighty Deuce in action during a training sortie.



Courtesy Photo



## Buccaneers “marooned” in Guam

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY  
THE BOMBARDIER

The 20th Bomb Squadron, acting as the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, are currently deployed in Guam while they provide heavy bombardment capability in the Pacific.

The squadron along with its support is deployed under Col. Rod Gillis, the 36th Expeditionary Operations Group commander. Approximately 60 members of the 20th Bomb Squadron along with more than 100 members from 2d AMXS, 25 people from 2d Operation Support Squadron, 45 people from 2d Munitions Squadron and 30 people from 2d Maintenance Squadron make up the

group, and they have been deployed since they left September 9.

Col. Gillis is pleased with the operations at the deployed location so far, where the group flies 10 to 12 sorties a week.

"Due to the marvelous hand-off by Colonel Eldon Woodie, the 2d Bomb Wing Vice Commander and former EOG commander, and his troops, we have had a seamless transition here in Guam," Col. Gillis said. "We really hit the ground running by flying sorties in the Pacific. We've got a great team here and we're excited to have this training experience."

The 20th EBS along with the rest of the 36th EOG anticipates a return to Barksdale after the new year.



1st Lt. Matthew Drossner/36th EAMXS

The 36th Expeditionary Operations Group works hard and plays hard. Above: members of the 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron play football during Sunday's dorm resident barbecue. Right: Senior Master Sgts. Steven Cadwell and Terry Shore, along with Master Sgt. Ronald Potchebski, all from the 36th EAMXS, cook up burgers and hotdogs during the barbecue.



1st Lt. Matthew Drossner/36th EAMXS





# Hispanic Heritage Month includes children's fiesta

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY  
THE BOMBARDIER

The children at the Barksdale Youth Center were "living la vida loca" during the 2004 Hispanic Heritage Observance Month's Children's Fiesta Sept. 24.

Members of the Hispanic Heritage Committee painted the children's faces and dyed their hair as well as hosted games with Latin music playing in the background.

The fiesta's highlight was the piñata. The children took turns trying to hit it, and when it exploded, every child at the party was on the ground grabbing for candy.

Kayla Armstead, six-year old daughter of Master Sgt. Rick Armstead, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, was excited about the fun.

"My favorite thing at the fiesta was the colored hairspray," Kayla said.

The fiesta is only one of the many events scheduled during the 2004 Hispanic Heritage Month which runs through Oct. 15. Other events included the Latin dance held at the enlisted club Sept. 18, and the upcoming Catholic Bilingual Mass held this Saturday from 5 to 6 p.m. at Chapel One.

Last year's Hispanic Heritage month was a success, filling the enlisted club ballroom during the Oct. 15 luncheon where Brig. Gen. Jose Portea, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, spoke about the role of Hispanics in society. The Hispanic Heritage Observance has had a presence at Barksdale for some time now, though the consistency of events in the past has dropped because of circumstances such as the deployments after Sept. 11, 2001.

In the past, the Hispanic Heritage

Committee convened and rebuilt itself each year in preparation for the observance month. However, Senior Master Sgt. Rudy Ruelas, 2d LRS Materiel Management Superintendent, said the success of last year kept the committee together.

"The current committee has been together for the second year," Ruelas said. "Therefore, our working relationship is very strong. We built on last year's calendar of events making our events flow easier. We have also built a community relationship with the local chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, pooling our resources to help with Hispanic events."

The Hispanic Heritage Committee decided to change things up a bit this year and have a Gala instead of a luncheon.

"Our final event is the gala which will be a night-time event on Oct. 15," Ruelas said. "It will showcase local students' achievements in essay and art skills and also recognize Barksdale Hispanic military and civilian achievements. Dress will be semi-formal civilian attire. We anticipate a large turnout to support our winners and to also meet and greet the guest speaker, Col. Frank Padilla, who serves as the mobilization assistant to the commander, Headquarters Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center."

With two more weeks in the observance month, there is still plenty to do, such as today's fun run at 8 a.m. at the Sports and Fitness Center and Tex-Mex lunches at the Red River Dining Inn the next two Wednesdays.

For more information about the Hispanic Heritage Committee, ticket prices for the gala or questions about any of the events, call Sergeant Ruelas at 456-8479 or 1st Lt. Rachel Ramos, 2d LRS, 456-8942.



J. Manny Guendulay/The Bombardier

**Senior Master Sgt. Rudy Ruelas, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, holds the piñata stick up high as the children hope to be selected first. Though the piñata was stuffed with candy, all the children were served cake and goodie bags.**





## Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at [www.barksdaleservices.com](http://www.barksdaleservices.com)

### Football Party

Monday at 6:30 p.m., come enjoy the Kansas City Chiefs versus Baltimore Ravens football game at the enlisted club. Guests who come will be entered for a chance to win a trip to the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, an X-box or a big screen television. Guests also get the first drink free with the purchase of the tailgate buffet.

### Nightly bar bingo

Each night at the enlisted club play bar bingo for a chance to win \$500 cash at 6 pm. An additional game will be played and a cash consolation prize will be awarded nightly. Stop by the enlisted club for a chance to win big.

### Monday Super Bingo

Starting Oct. 11, the enlisted club hosts Super Bingo Mondays at 7 p.m. in the ballroom. Multiple games and thousands of dollars in cash will be available to win weekly. The program is open to all ranks.

### Bingo jackpot

The bingo jackpot for Thursday was \$1,200. Early bird bingo and the buffet begin at 5:30 p.m. The buffet is \$5.50 for non-members and \$4.50 for club members. Jackpot bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and all ranks are welcome. Members receive \$5 off a multi-card bingo pack.

### Monday Two-for-One Lunch

Members can enjoy the MEGA buffet with a friend Mondays at the officers club. Bring a guest and the second meal is free. Non-members pay \$6.95. The buffet includes soup, salad bar, drink and dessert.

### Retired Member Fridays

The club salutes its retired membership every Friday night. Retirees buy dinner and get a second meal at half price.

### Dollar Lunch

Club members get the lunch buffet for only one dollar on Oct. 20. This is part of the Members First program. Encourage a friend to join the club, as it pays to be a club member.

### Wednesday Steak for Two

Enjoy two steak dinners Wednesdays at the officers' club for only \$12.95. Dinner is open to all ranks and starts at 5:30 p.m. in the officers' club dining room.

### Saturday prime rib

Enjoy prime rib for two each Saturday for only \$19.95. The meal includes choice of starch and vegetable of the day, au jus and horseradish sauce.

### New Pick-up Service

To make the customers' lives simpler, equipment rental will now pick up broken four-wheel ATVs or mowers for repair. They will also deliver the repaired equipment upon completion. The fee is \$10 for deliveries under 15 miles and \$20 for deliveries 15-30 miles away; prices do not include repairs. Call 456-3426 to arrange an appointment.

### ATV Tune-up

Get that ATV ready for hunting season with a tune-up at equipment rental. They change the spark plugs, check the rear end oil, clean the air filter and change the engine oil for only \$45. They can also repair non-running ATV's. Proper maintenance extends the life of the engine — protect your investment with a tune-up. Call 456-3426 for more information.

### Aero Club open house

The aero club hosts an open house and membership drive Oct. 15. This event provides an opportunity for individuals wanting to learn to fly. During the month of October, the Aero Club waives the \$30 initiation fee.

The club will select three winners to enjoy a free hour of flight. Certified flight instructors will be available to discuss the program. Free hot dogs and soft drinks will also be available. Call 456-8179 for more information.

### Louisiana State Fair tickets

Gifts and Getaways has discount tickets to the 2004 Louisiana State Fair. The fair is open Oct. 22 — Nov. 7. Save \$2 per person on general admission tickets or all you can ride tickets by purchasing them at Gifts and Getaways located in the BX mall.

### Halloween trip

A trip to the Screams theme park in Waxahatchie, Texas, is planned for Oct. 25. The park features four haunted houses, a haunted maze and more. Chartered bus transportation and entry to the park is included for \$50. Call 456-7765 to sign up.

### Home Improvement Classes

Be prepared for a home improvement project by taking a class. The arts and crafts center is looking at holding classes on subjects such as ceramic tiling, basic plumbing, drywall and wall repair, basic electrical work and several others.

Log on to the Barksdale services Web site and complete the survey located on the bottom of the main page. This survey will indicate which subjects are needed most and classes that have the highest interest will be offered. If you do not have access to a computer, stop by the arts and crafts center to fill out a survey.

# Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

**Family:** Grandmother, Pauline; Aunt, Thema; Cousin, Nicholas

**Hometown:** Rome, Ga.

**Unit:** 2d Communications Squadron

**Job title:** Chief, network operations center

**Job description:** Manages and supervises more than 40 personnel who administer and maintain the Barksdale network e-mail, file server, intranet and internet server and Norton Antivirus services, to include some wireless communication devices

**Most rewarding job aspect:** Watching my troops grow and learn, even when they make mistakes

**Goals:** Finish my master's degree from LSU

**Hobbies:** Fishing, listening to jazz, golf and basketball

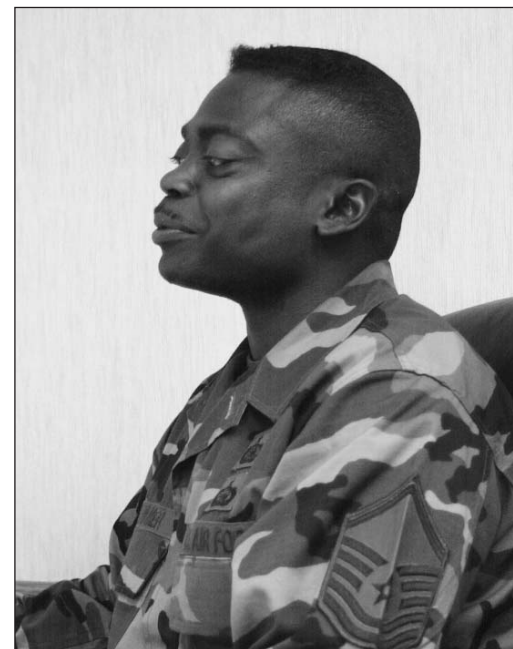
**What motivates my winning attitude:** Watching people develop, my sense of humor and belief in God

**Favorite TV show:** New York Undercover

**Favorite performer:** Anita Baker

**Favorite movies:** New Jack City, Sugar Hill and A Few Good Men

**I'm proudest of:** Grandmother going back to school to further her education



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

**Master Sgt.  
Michael Plummer**

**Favorite meal:** Roast Peking duck

**Pet peeve:** Lazy workers who only care about themselves

**If I could change anything about Barksdale it would be:** To add parking to the base gym that's within walking distance

**Most influential person in the Air Force to you and why:** Tech. Sgt. Wayne Rasmussen, my first supervisor. He was the most balanced and technically-proficient supervisor I've seen.

## 2d Communications Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:

**Lt. Col. Richard Converse**

First sergeant:

**Master Sgt. Ronald Potchebski**

2d Mission Support Group commander:

**Col. Colleen Duffy**

Squadron motto

**"No comm, no bomb"**

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## At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). Movies are subject to change without notice.  
Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of [www.movieweb.com](http://www.movieweb.com))



### “Alien vs. Predator”

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Today and Saturday at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 100 minutes

**Cast:** Lance Henriksen, Sanaa Lathan

**Synopsis:** An ancient pyramid is discovered buried in the ice of Antarctica, and scientists investigating the structure discover something worse: two races of aliens battling for domination. As the two species fight, humans find themselves caught in the middle and becoming casualties.

### “Without A Paddle”

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Run time:** 99 minutes

**Cast:** Seth Green, Matthew Lillard

**Synopsis:** Three friends from Philadelphia go into the wilderness in search of lost treasure. Canoeing down the river, the trio soon finds their canoeing experience goes wrong as the river turns dangerous. They find themselves hunted by two backwoods farmers and encounter tree-hugging hippie chicks and a crazy old mountain man.



### “Open Water”

**Rated:** R

**Playing:** Sunday at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 79 minutes

**Cast:** Blanchard Ryan, Daniel Travis

**Synopsis:** Based on true events, Susan and Daniel have just been abandoned by their scuba-diving boat in the Caribbean. As the tension escalates between the troubled twosome, a current sweeps them far from where the boat left them and deep dark clouds pass menacingly overhead. The sea-life below the surface is clearly not of the friendly variety.

## Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East  
Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

### Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Mondays through Fridays, noon

### Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

### Protestant Women of the chapel

The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Two annex.

### Brothers in Christ

The Brothers in Christ Protestant Men of the Chapel meet every Saturday at 6 a.m. in the Chapel Two annex.

## Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769  
Red River Inn, 456-8367  
Items subject to change

### Today

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks

Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

### Saturday

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs

Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

### Sunday

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish

Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

### Monday

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork

Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

### Tuesday

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon

Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

### Wednesday

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef

Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

### Thursday

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken

Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnitzel

### Oct. 8

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers

Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

## Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue  
and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.  
Reservations required for all events.

### TAP

A transition assistance program seminar is scheduled Oct. 5-7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If a transition from military service to civilian life is in the future, make plans to attend this 3-day workshop conducted by the Department of Labor. Designed to help military members and their spouses make sound career decisions, individuals will learn the skills needed to complete a successful self-directed job search and much more. Based on comments made by attendees, most have said they wish they had taken advantage of this workshop 12 to 24 months prior to leaving the service. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 for more information.

### Financial planning, investment seminar

A financial planning and investment seminar is scheduled Wednesday and Oct. 13, 20 and 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. This semi-annual, four-week seminar teaches investment principles and provides information to assist in making the right choices when planning for retirement. Professionals associated with the Louisiana State University School of Business, along with the Louisiana Consortium of Insurance and Investing, facilitate this seminar.

### Virtual assistant training program

The virtual assistant training program is scheduled Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Oct. 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Virtual Assistants are self-employed individuals who provide off-site business support services to their clients. Work assignments are communicated through e-mail, phone, fax, mail, diskette transfer and real-time online messaging. Candidates for the program should have a minimum of two years of administrative support experience, Internet access, a good working knowledge of basic software, a computer with a Windows 95 or newer operating system and a strong desire for employment or employment change. Participation is limited to 20 people. If an individual is a spouse of an active duty military member and would like to participate in this free training program, please complete and submit the online application form no later than today, at [www.msvas.com/application\\_barksdale.htm](http://www.msvas.com/application_barksdale.htm). Call Stephanie or Sandy at 456-8400 for information.

### Costume party

A costume party is scheduled Oct. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. for waiting families at the Family Support Center. People can enter the costume contest, play games, eat hot dogs and caramel corn and drink spiced apple cider. Reservations are required.

### Personal, family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center's Readiness Team is ready and able to provide information and support during this time of separation. This briefing is meant to prepare active duty, spouses, family members and significant others. Call 456-8400 for information.

### Marriage checklist

If marriage plans are in the future, then come by the Family Support Center for a Marriage Checklist to help with the “To Do” list. It lists things to do before and after marriage such as obtaining a marriage license, planning a budget, chapel arrangements, ID cards, base decals, DEERS enrollment, and updating emergency data cards (DD Form 93), Tricare, life and auto insurance and legal considerations.





# 8th AF downs AWC/SVS 14-6

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK  
THE BOMBARDIER

A tough goal line defense proved to be too much for the Air Warrior Center/Services Squadron intramural football team Tuesday as they lost a close one to 8th Air Force, 14-6, at the Sports and Fitness Center's football field.

"We locked it down on both sides of the ball tonight," said Jovan Scott, head coach for 8th AF.

AWC/SVS started the game with the ball and looked hungry. The team managed to get inside the red zone but two consecutive penalties shut them down as did 8th AF's tough defense.

"We had a new quarterback and were breaking him in," said AWC/SVS head coach Cesar Marrero.

After a few more change of possession, 8th AF took charge and found pay dirt on a second and goal play when quarterback Louis Cusimano threw a 15-yard rocket to receiver Freeman Moore. The two point conversion was no good and 8th AF took a 6-0 lead.

After getting the ball back on the 20 yard line with a little over two minutes left in the first half, AWC/SVS put their two-minute drill to work. They strategically used their two timeouts to get to the one yard line, but on second and goal with only enough time to run one play, 8th AF did not let AWC/SVS quarterback Brandon Jarrell find anyone open.

The second half started with both defenses sticking tight until Moore almost found pay dirt again on a 59 yard pass from Cusimano. Then, on 2d and goal from the one, a would-be touchdown was called back after a holding call against 8th AF. However, on the next play, the penalty proved to not be enough as Cusimano hooked up with Kristoffer Scott for the second touchdown of the night. This time the two point conversion was good, making the score 14-0 in favor of 8th AF.

Not to be completely shut-down, Jarrell threw a couple short passes to put AWC/SVS closer to midfield, then opened it up with a 42-yard touchdown pass into double coverage to receiver Eric Dugger. The two point conversion was no good making the score 14-6, still in favor of 8th AF.

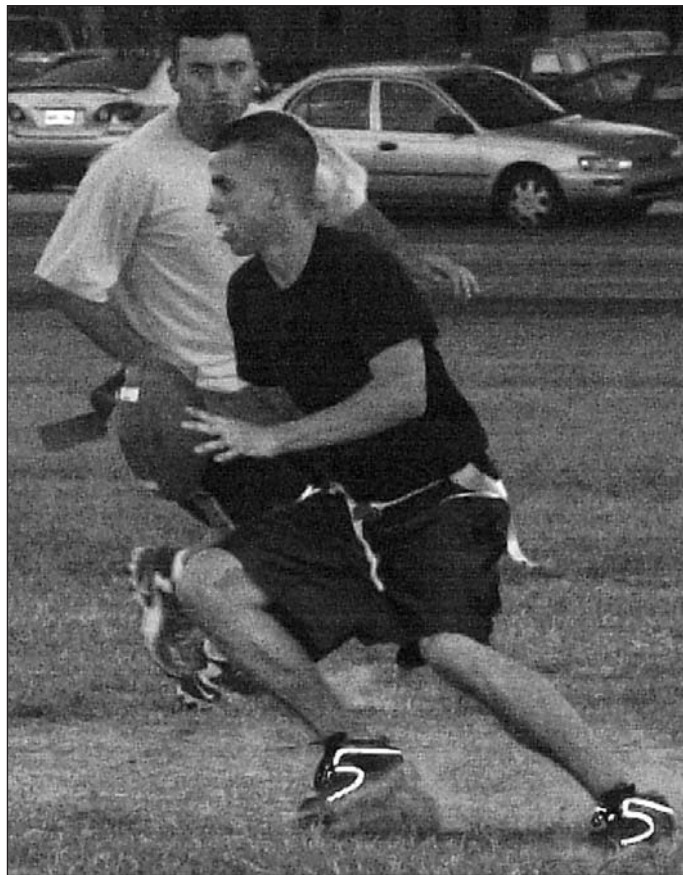
AWC/SVS managed to get the ball back with less

than a minute left but was not so lucky when throwing into double coverage this time as 8th AF's Moore pulled through again, intercepting a would-be touchdown on the last play of the game.

"Their defense was hard, and we were getting frustrated," Marrero said. "Still it was a close game."

With the win 8th AF improves to 3-3 on the season while AWC/SVS drops to 1-5.

"Everyone is making the commitment and we're learning from every game," Scott said. "We're going be that sleeper team that knocks off some of the big dogs later in the season."



Photos by Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

8th AF quarterback Louis Cusamino scrambles to avoid AWC/SVS defensive lineman Andres Duran.



8th AF linebacker Matthew Burdick pulls the flags of AWC/SVS receiver Nick Skreitz while he attempts to gain more yards and 8th AF safety Chad Barnett tries to get in on the action.

## Sports shorts

### Bowling special

The bowling center has a new Sunday special that includes unlimited bowling for three hours and a choice of the following meals: burgers, chicken strips, hot dogs, corn dogs or grilled cheese with fries and a soda. The cost for two guests is \$29.29, the cost for four guests is \$39.95 and the cost for six guests is \$49.95. Additionally, if bowlers throw a strike when they have a red pin they win a free game of bowling.

### Scotch doubles golf tournament

The Scotch Doubles Golf Tournament takes place Saturday at Fox Run Golf Course. Players enjoy a free rib-eye steak dinner afterwards. The cost is \$5 plus normal fees. Today is the last date to register. Call 456-2263 to sign up.

### Input on aerobics needed

The fitness center is looking for input from the base public to help shape the upcoming aerobics program. They are committed to providing classes to increase fitness levels. The goal is to determine the types of classes that base members want to prepare for the Fit to Fight program. Please stop by the fitness center and fill out the questionnaire.

### Martial arts classes

Tae kwon do and iai jujitsu are available Mondays through Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$45 a month and family rates are available. Call 456-3448 for more about the classes.

### Cheerleading Class

Registration for a cheerleading basics class is available at the youth center. Students learn tumbling, stunting, dance and cheering techniques. Youth ages 5 years or older may participate. Classes are held Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 a month for one class a week and \$45 a month for two classes a week. Call 456-3448 for more information.

### Paintball

Enjoy paintball Oct. 23, Nov. 13 or Dec. 4. Sessions are at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and last approximately three hours. Cost is \$12 to include gun rental, mask, CO2 refills and 100 paintballs. Additional paintballs are available for purchase at \$4 per 100 and \$15 per 500. Sign up is due by Oct. 8, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26, respectively. Guests should wear long sleeves for warmth and protection. Call 456-7765 for more information or to sign up.

## Intramural football scoreboard

Security Forces has forfeited two of its games and has dropped out of the league. Therefore, each team gets a win to make the number of games even for the teams that did not face off against 2d SFS.

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| CS #1   | 4 | 0 |
| AMXS    | 4 | 0 |
| MDG     | 4 | 0 |
| MUNS    | 4 | 1 |
| MXS     | 3 | 1 |
| CS #2   | 3 | 1 |
| 20th BS | 2 | 1 |
| MSS/MOS | 2 | 2 |
| CES     | 2 | 2 |
| 8th AF  | 2 | 3 |
| 11th BS | 1 | 2 |
| LRS     | 1 | 3 |
| AWC/SVS | 1 | 4 |

Standings as of Sept. 27